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1. FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WAS JULY 11. COMPLETE LISTS OF CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL JULY 14. CERTAIN INFORMATION, HOWEVER, HAS BEGUN TO LEAK REGARDING NUMBERS OF LISTS AND SOME OF THE CANDIDATES.

2. THIRTY-NINE LISTS HAVE FILED IN THE CITY OF SAIGON. OVER TWO HUNDRED CANDIDATES FOR A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN SEATS. IN ONE DISTRICT ALONE (THE THIRD), THERE ARE SEVENTEEN LISTS. AMONG THE PERSONALITIES STANDING FOR ELECTION ARE PHAN KHAC SUU (FORMER CHIEF OF STATE), TRAN VAN VAN (CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE·S ARMY COUNCIL), MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT LA THANH NGHE, AND DANG VAN SUNG (EDITOR OF INFLUENTIAL DAILY CHINH LUAN). IN GIA DINH, PHAN QUANG DAN (FORMER PRESIDENT, GIA DINH PROVINCE COUNCIL) AND LAWYERS VUONG VAN BAC AND TRAN THANH HIEP ARE REPORTEDLY HEADING LISTS.

3. EMBOFF WILL BE SEEING MININTERIOR SECGEN MORNING OF JULY 13 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RESPONSE IN THE PROVINCES.
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